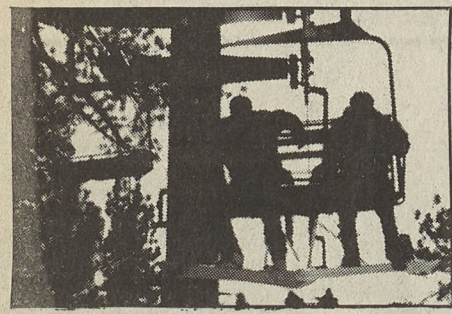
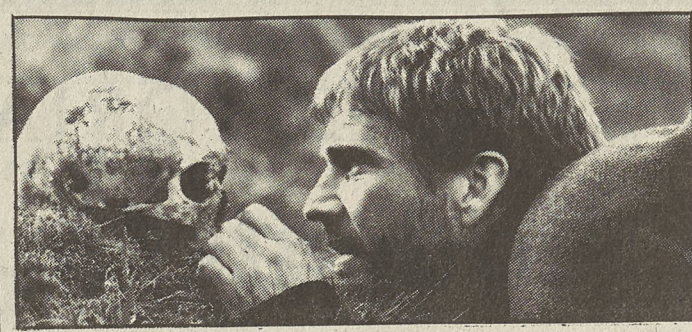


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NEWS
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Marsh Dies

Dr. Stewart Marsh, former dean of instruction at Valley College, died on Jan. 26 after a lingering illness. Dr. Marsh came to Valley College in September 1950 as an instructor of psychology. He later became counselor and dean of the Extended Day Division. In 1959, he was named dean of instruction, a position he held until his retirement in 1970. Dr. Marsh retained his interest in Valley College after his retirement and endowed a generous scholarship. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the scholarship fund. Checks should be made out to L.A.V.C. (Stewart Marsh Scholarship, Acct. #972705), and sent to the Valley College Business Office. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Marsh at 761 Burleigh Drive, Pasadena, Calif. 91105. There will be no public service.

Graduation Deadline

Deadline for filing for Spring graduation is 4 p.m. Friday, March 1. Petitions are available in the Graduation Administration office (Admin. 127). For more information, call Ext. 403/404.

Garvin Won't
Seek Reelection

Harold Garvin's 12 years of service on the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will end June 30. The main reason Garvin gave for not seeking reelection was that he foresaw "problems facing the district which I do not believe I can be helpful in solving under present conditions." Garvin enjoyed his work as a trustee and said that community colleges will succeed because of the quality and dedication of the faculty.

Single Parent
Counseling

Single parent career assessment and counseling will be given by Barbara Goldberg, career counselor, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Bung, 13. She will be available at Ext. 246, 331 or 332.

Financial Aid
Workshops

Financial aid workshops will be available for students wanting information on the financial aid process, how to apply for financial aid and Cal Grants, and deadline dates. Workshops will be held in the Cafeteria Conference Room on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2-3:30 p.m. and in the Campus Center, Room 104, Thursday, Feb. 21, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Blood Drive

The Spring 1991 Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Monarch Hall on Feb. 20 and 21 from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. (See related article on Opinion Page.)

TAE Barbeque

TAE will hold a barbeque on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. in Monarch Square. The event is free to all students.



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ROSES FOR THE LADY — Coach Doug Michaelson presents Tisa Rush with a bouquet before last night's game. Departing sophomore players are traditionally presented roses upon season's end. See story page 5.

Cal/OSHA cites printshop as unsafe

By JENNIFER CASE
News Editor

Unsafe working conditions and the use of hazardous chemicals were cited in the Valley College print shop after an inspection late last year by state job safety officials.

Cal/OSHA, a state environmental and safety agency, cited Valley with 11 violations, ranging from excessive noise levels to poor ventilation.

According to David Ogne, head of Plant Facilities, "The building was built to standards according to the time it was built."

The room does have the same air flow as when the building was built, so nothing has changed, he said.

This has been verified and the air flow tested, he added.

The shop was inspected after a worker complained of poor ventilation and for lack of having a written plan to train workers to handle hazardous materials, according to a report by Haifa Hughes, Cal/OSHA industrial hygienist.

Other alleged offenses included not having a written program to train employees on job hazards and failing to periodically inspect the print shop for safe conditions.

The shop was also cited for not having an eyewash fountain for workers who might be splashed with harmful chemicals, for exposing employees to noise levels higher than 85 decibels, and for not having a written fire prevention plan.

Ogne, head of Plant Facilities, said eyewashers were recently installed and a fire prevention plan is being rewritten.

According to a written appeal made to Cal/OSHA by the Los Angeles Community College District, a written posted fire plan is in operation, and there is a written safety instruction manual in use.

The appeal claimed employees, who use the chemicals in the print shop, are informed on the hazards by the supervisor of the unit through information on the manufacturers data.

In addition, the only employees

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130 classes sliced from
LAVC spring scheduleBy JENNIFER CASE
News Editor

Education budget cuts and low enrollment have forced Valley College to cut a total of 130 classes for fall and spring from the '90 and '91 schedule.

Eight classes were cut due to low enrollment as opposed to 126 cut because of budget restrictions.

Sam Mayo, dean of academic affairs, said, "Contractually, classes with 14 or more enrolled students aren't disturbed if they are needed for certification or a degree."

All factors are considered before a class is cut, he said. "We just don't look at numbers and get the ax out."

With more than 17,000 students enrolled for the spring semester, 1,100 more than last spring, students are facing increased difficulty in registration due to closed and cancelled classes.

A new system may facilitate enrollment at Valley in the future.

Mary Spangler, dean of admissions, said there is a software program already adopted by UCLA, with the capacity for touchtone registration. However, the program will not be instituted at Valley in the near future because other schools have had problems with it and because there are changes that have to be made before it can be implemented. "We're just not ready for it," she said.

KVCM DJ off air
for anti-war viewsBy SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Editor in Chief

After expressing anti-war sentiments on the campus radio station the day following the Gulf War outbreak, Los Angeles Valley College broadcasting student Lisa Martinez had her enrollment in a spring semester broadcasting class denied. She has not been on the

"The day after the war broke out I went on the air and asked the listeners to bear with me."

—Lisa Martinez

air since.

Martinez, who has done a radio show, The Bohemian Market, on campus radio station KVCM for the past four semesters, said her right to free speech was denied.

"The day after the war broke out I went on the air and asked the listeners to bear with me," said Martinez. "I said I was sad by the news. I was raised Catholic and don't believe in violence against humanity. I'm anti-war. Also, I have two cousins in the Gulf, so naturally I was upset."

The Bohemian Market was a show that played 1960's style folk songs and reggae music, Martinez believes her comments were fitting with the theme of the program.

"Then I mentioned to anybody who felt like me, that there would be a protest at the Federal Building that day," she said.

But Martinez stressed that she also made it perfectly clear that the views she was expressing were her own and not those of KVCM. She invited people who felt otherwise to call in or come to

the station and she would let them talk also.

A student colleague, who asked not to be identified, heard a tape of the broadcast and backed her up. "She gave the option of people calling in to give their points of view. No one decided to call, but she gave the opportunity. She clearly stated that they were her own opinions. It's censorship."

However, Raymond Wilson, professor of broadcasting at LAVC and operator of KVCM, said it was not censorship and her giving people the chance to call in was not the issue.

"It doesn't make any difference," Wilson said. "I have no idea what she said and I don't care. She's a broadcasting student and she didn't take the necessary steps for a professional to take in order to do what she did."

At issue with Wilson is that Martinez chose "to use it as a personal means to express her personal views on a controversial issue."

Wilson said in order for her to express her opinions of the war on air, she would have had to approach him and tell him of her intent. At that point he would have had her find a student with an opposing view to go on the air within a reasonable amount of time to give balance to the issue. He said this is station policy and Martinez knew it.

"She was told in classes, she knows

"Apparently she's forgotten everything she learned in Broadcasting 10 (Radio Production)."

—Raymond Wilson

the rules," Wilson said. Apparently she's forgotten everything she learned in Broadcasting 10 (Radio Production). If I were here, I would

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EXTENDED WAIT — Students wait in a long line outside Monarch Hall in order to register for spring classes.

STAR EDITORIAL

Valley students imperiled

It doesn't matter how many classes were cut this spring.

The issue is why should they be cut in the first place.

Valley College eliminated "X" amount of classes in order to balance a budget to which it was forced to adapt. Why the administration chose to drastically cut back on instructional programs is still a blur.

We understand that there are certain teacher contracts and other obligations which cannot be altered, but does that mean there is no academic commitment from this college to the students?

Other community colleges in the state were able to fall back on their reserve funds in order to keep the great majority of their classes intact for the spring semester.

College of the Canyons in Canyon Country, for example, used \$270,000 in reserve funds for the fall. COC and Antelope Valley College also accepted more students than what the state pays them for.

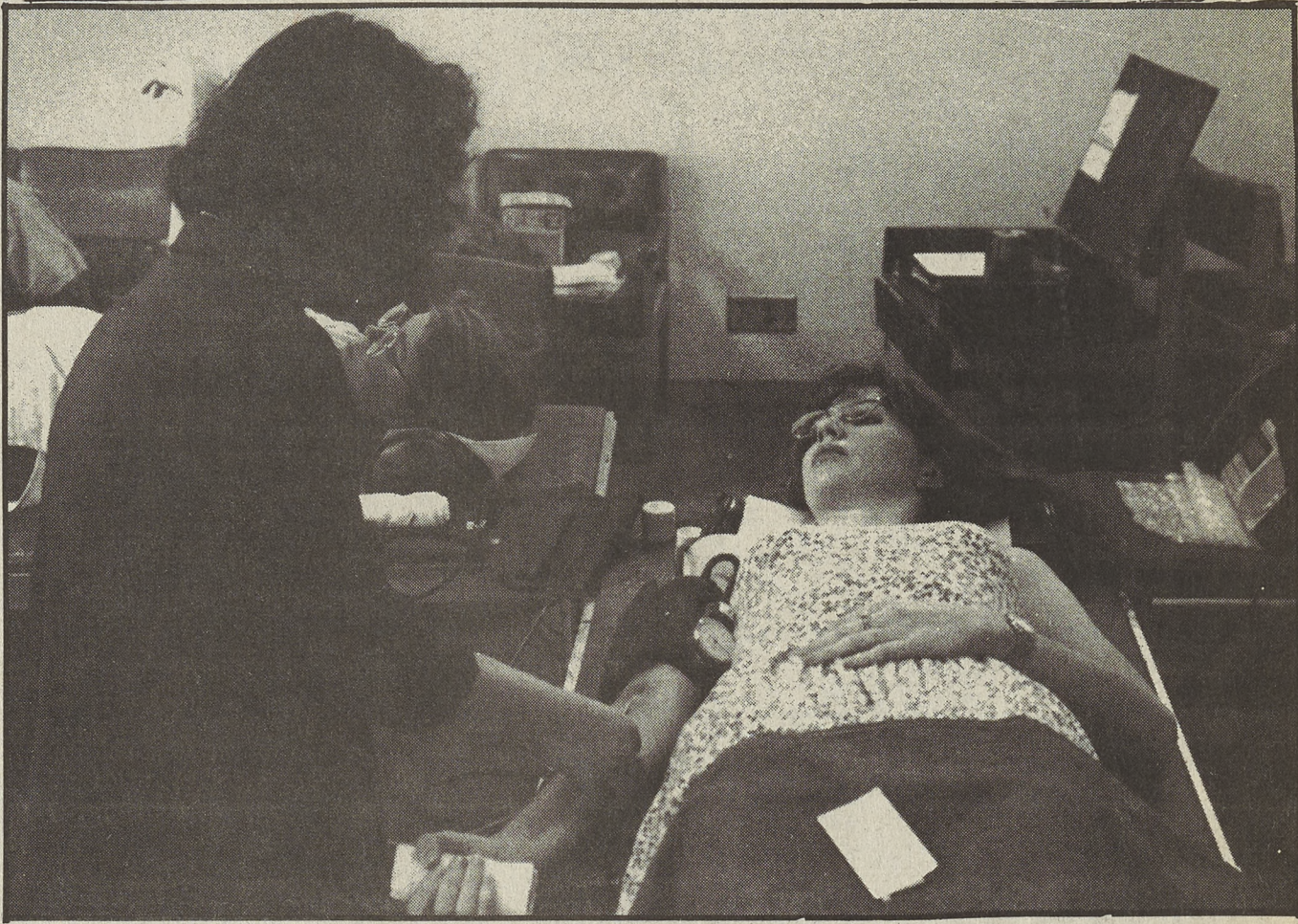
For many students, Valley College is their only opportunity for a higher education, at \$50 per semester, it the only way they can afford to attend an institution of higher learning.

The Valley Star, which is student run, has been unable to obtain detailed information about the Los Angeles Community College District or Valley College budget.

Where is the money?

If anything, the administration owes Valley College students an explanation aside from "Sorry, that class is cancelled," and "Try and find another one, maybe that one won't have 45 students in it."

Students are imperiled. They need answers...now.



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BLOOD FOR LIFE — Help save a life by donating blood to the American Red Cross anytime from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 20 or 21 in Monarch Hall. Sign-ups are currently taking place in Campus Center 101 at the Associated Student Union office. You may donate blood every 56 days if you weigh at least 110 lbs. Have a solid meal on the day of your donation, but make sure you have not consumed any alcohol in the last 24 hours before donation. Every donor's vital signs, hemoglobin and medical history will be checked by a nurse at the time of donation. Even though the blood is screened, anyone at risk for AIDS must not donate blood or plasma. Your blood could help save the life of a young man or woman injured in the Persian Gulf War. No matter what your beliefs, whether you support the war or not, the Valley Star believes that blood donations are non-political. Now is the time for everyone to contribute. Again, help save a life.

Problems beset Peru

By JUAN MORILLO
Staff Writer

During the first decades of the present century, Peru, a South American nation, became one of the most prosperous nations in Latin America. Lima, the capital city, was one of the busiest metropolises where intellectuals, writers and movie stars converged. Lima portrayed to some extent a superior outlook of socio-political development.

Today, Peru is being devastated by a plague of cholera. People are dying by the hundreds. The economy is in a state of chaos. This subsequently affects the already deteriorated social services, such as health and education.

Terrorist activities, organized by the "shining path" guerrillas, have spread out all over the country. On top of this scenario, there is a problem with narcotics, specifically the coca trade.

The use of coca leaves represents part of the historical heritage of Peru. The Incas used coca for medical purposes and to cope with tensions caused by the high altitudes in the Andes. The contemporary indigenous populations have applied similar uses to these leaves, adding it

as a stimulant to endure their harsh labor routines.

Cocaine (chemically processed coca leaves) were exported to Europe and the United States for its use in soda pops. The substance later became abused by individuals which used it to suppress their anger and allow themselves the joys of life without the need to rest.

later it was discovered that cocaine created a dependency that negatively affected the nervous system, ultimately causing death.

The U.S. Drug Administration Agency estimates that Peru is the largest producer of coca leaves with more than 60 percent of total worldwide production. The rest of the percentage is shared by Colombia and Bolivia. The D.E.A. also estimates that the United States is the largest consumer of coca with 80 percent of the total.

The effects of the coca trade in the United States are depressing. We are seeing a generation of crack and cocaine users growing before our eyes. Cocaine is one of the most expensive commodities on the U.S. streets. It sells for about \$100 per gram as opposed to \$5 to \$10 per gram in Lima, La Paz or Bogota.

The D.E.A. and other governmental authorities have set up

strategies and worked out agreements with the involved nations in order to fight the problem abroad. Two of the plans call for the militarization of the zone and the spraying of areas of Peru with chemicals so that nothing else can grow.

Los Angeles Chief of Police Daryl Gates, known for racist remarks against Latinos and blacks, suggested that the U.S. army invade those countries and bomb the traffickers and their lands.

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori rejected both U.S. proposals on the grounds that the first would constitute a violation to Peruvians' sovereignty and the second would produce an ecological imbalance.

Obviously Gates' proposal was discarded because of mere stupidity. Fujimori offered a different solution, the replacement of crops with those that might generate equal or similar profits, such as tobacco. This initiative recently was approved by U.S. authorities and has motivated the population as a more realistic approach to the drug war.

Peruvian society is in crisis, but this recent agreement with the U.S. is sure to illuminate a brighter path to the future.

Class 'cuts-o-phobia' hits

By JESSICA J. CHAVEZ
Opinion Editor

Valley College is suffering a terrible epidemic which is called Class Cuts-o-phobia.

If your name is one of the 7,393 which appears on countless waiting lists (like Stats 101, which has 106 standbys), or if you have run in and out of Monarch Hall lately attempting to reschedule into other classes, approximately 130 of which were cancelled for the Spring semester, chances are that you are a victim of the horrendous class cuts and a good candidate for Class Cuts-o-phobia.

Is there a cure? Teachers are doing all they can to alleviate the problem by taking in as many students as fit in the classrooms. Consequently, this translates into students' being connected elbow-to-elbow. The seating capacity has been exhausted.

Math and English classes were

most affected by the budget cuts. As of Feb. 8, there were 12 classes cancelled in the two departments. Some classes have an enrollment of up to 51 students.

Daytime students try scrambling into evening classes to no avail (29 evening classes were dropped). Sorry friend 7,018 night-time students already occupy those classes.

The divided LACCD Board of Trustees adopted a 1991-92 operating budget of \$265 million. Because of staff contracts and other restricted obligations, the budget was "balanced" by cuts in the colleges' instructional programs.

Part-time instructors, which primarily teach the evening classes, had their hours cut.

A word of advice: in order to obtain the courses you need, pre-register for next semester this semester. Also, get your name on those waiting lists now and avoid the long lines in Monarch Hall.

Make sure that you drop in your mail-in registration forms to administration as soon as possible.

These suggestions do not, however, help solve the core of the problem.

According to last Sunday's LA Times, at Valley College last Fall, 197 classes were slashed and for the Spring semester 130 were dropped (last summer Pierce and Valley College were the hardest hit by the budget cut, with \$1 million less to work with).

Valley College receives funding from the previous semester enrollment. If less classes are offered fewer students can enroll and administration will face a more limited budget to work with for the next semester.

Despite the 6 percent reduction in class offering (Fall districtwide), enrollment grew 2 percent, from 108,880 to 111,485 students. LAVC student enrollment increased from 15,899 last Spring to 17,034 this semester.

Code of Ethics

(Editor's Note: Striving to be informative, the Valley Star functions upon certain principles and once again prints its Code of Ethics as a reminder to returning students and a mentor to new students.)

The Valley Star is the official publication of Los Angeles Valley College. It is distributed on campus on Thursday morning. It is funded by the Los Angeles Community College District and serves as a laboratory publication under the supervision of the college's journalism department.

The Star's primary purpose is to publish unbiased news accounts of activities, events and persons connected with Valley College. It is a privilege of the editorial staff to extend these functions to include publication of student opinion and to express a constructive editorial policy. The Star shall deal only in issues, not personalities, in both editorials and columns.

The policy of this newspaper shall be independent; it shall seek to uphold the highest ideals of journalism, while endeavoring to contribute to the betterment and growth of Valley College.

Truth, accuracy, sincerity and fairness shall prevail in the coverage of all activities and of this campus. It is the Star's right to determine what shall be printed.

Statements made by faculty members or students, except in a public gathering, will not be quoted without the consent of the person being quoted. The Star will not invade the private rights or feelings of any individual without substantial constructive grounds for doing so.

The act of retracting false or malicious statements shall be considered a privilege as well as a duty. Any staff member who uses his influence for a selfish or malicious purpose is a discredit to the journalism profession and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Letter to the Star

TO THE EDITOR

I know a lot of people who are feeling very upset right now and for a good reason. They are all connected in some way to the Women's Softball Team, which has just been eliminated from the L.A. Valley College athletic program.

I feel badly for all of them, but for some of them in particular. I feel badly for Dee Stark, the women's athletic director, who fought tooth and nail to keep the softball team alive. She did everything she could to keep it going and did not give up until the end.

I feel badly for Karen Honey, the head coach, who worked hard recruiting since the beginning of the year and put in a whole month working with the players to get them ready for the season. She has coached softball at Valley for the past eight years.

I feel badly for Georgia Quesnell who would have had a great season

as the team's only returning player from last year, having worked hard to improve her skills so she would be a stand-out this year. She was also the team spark plug, cheering on and encouraging her team-mates to always do their best.

I feel badly for the rest of the players (all 13 of them) who will not have the opportunity I had and will not be able to experience the excitement of playing softball at Valley. I know how exciting it could be because I played softball at Valley eleven years ago, and I will never forget what a great experience it was. I learned so many things while on the team: I learned what it feels like to succeed through discipline and hard work; what it feels like to contribute to a team effort and the sense of belonging one feels as a team member; I learned what it feels like to have trust and respect for coaches knowing that they have helped you grow not only as a player

but a person; and I learned the satisfaction of representing a school and feeling proud of making a good name for that school (our team came in second place in the California Community College State Softball Championship).

I have always wanted to help other experience what I was lucky enough to experience when I played softball at Valley. This season was going to be my chance to give a little of what I got. I feel badly for myself that now I won't have that opportunity.

I know there is a shortage of money at Valley and that some classes had to be cut. I don't know if I would want to be one of those to whomakes the final decisions. But I do know that having eliminated the softball team, the school has suffered a great loss.

Sandra Zerner
Assistant Softball Coach
L.A. Valley College

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The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if

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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.

KVCM

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have pulled the transmitter. I'm responsible for what goes on the air at the station.

"She [Martinez] doesn't have a side. She went on the air with an open mic and didn't offer the other side time." Wilson said her giving listeners an opportunity to call in was "not an offer of time" because she didn't go through the official means required.

Martinez said she didn't know of any problem until a couple of days after the incident when she went to the station to have a slip signed to add the class again for the spring semester. Wilson told her she'd add the class "over my dead body."

"He didn't give me a chance to explain my side," Martinez said. "He cut me off after a minute or two and dismissed my presence on the whole issue."

"He told me KVCM wasn't a college radio station; it was his instructional lab and he runs it the way he wants to. He said I didn't have the same rights as a broadcaster at a college radio station and any sociopolitical commentary had to be cleared with him first. He didn't show one ounce of empathy for the fact that I had two cousins in the Gulf."

Wilson told Martinez that he would consider letting her re-enroll if she wrote a paper for him on the Fairness Doctrine.

"He has no right to ask me to write a paper," Martinez said. "He's not even my teacher. Besides, the Fairness Doctrine doesn't even exist anymore."

Wilson counters that the Fairness Doctrine still applies.

Catherine Deaton, a public affairs specialist with the Federal Communications Commission, said the Fairness Doctrine was, indeed,

abolished in 1987. It existed to provide equal time in political broadcasts.

"Although it has been legally abolished, it is still used on a case by case basis," Deaton said. "Court rulings have been upheld with it; it can still be used as a leg to stand on."

But Martinez said she won't write a paper on a non-existent thing for someone who isn't even her teacher.

Yet Wilson said he is her teacher. The class she was trying to enroll in was a "To Be Arranged (TBA)" class, which students can take to allow

"In war there are casualties, and free speech has become one of the casualties."

—Lisa Martinez

them air time.

Broadcasting TBA classes are officially scheduled with another teacher, but Wilson said he is in charge of the station and therefore decides who gets air time.

"She's had more privileges than 99 percent of the students who have used it [the station] and she has abused her privileges in more ways than one," he continued.

Wilson maintained that Martinez had not been censored, banned or suspended, but he will not enroll her in any TBA class or allow her air time right now. He said, despite her four semesters at KVCM, she needs to take some broadcasting classes over again before she can return to the air.

He said he has to be harsh because someone cannot just do what she did

without approval. "Our problem was, only one side was presented, the anti-war side," he said. "There was an obligation to actively seek out opposing views."

"This is an academic and vocational environment," he added. "We are setting up regulations as close as we can to a commercial station. Some people are hired to give their opinions on the air, others are hired to entertain. Disc jockey's don't mix with people hired to give their opinions."

"She needed to talk to me first and understand the procedure, then I would have allowed it," Wilson said. "There is no right to free speech in broadcasting, even as an opinion."

Martinez said if that is the case, saying "Oh, that was a good song by Madonna" on the air would be expressing an opinion.

Wilson responded that only in controversial issues, such as the Gulf War, is the opinion consideration an issue.

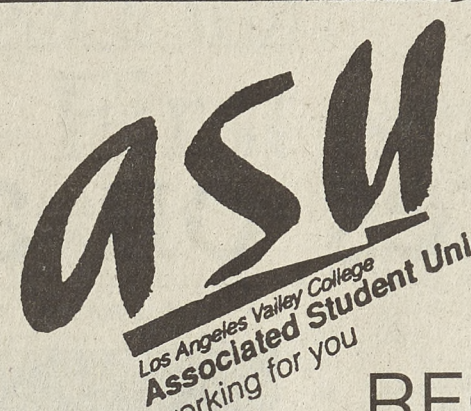
Wilson said the broadcasting department does not have a written standards and practices policy. KVCM is regulated departmentally under guidelines from the Federal Communications Commission, even though it is not required to be licensed by the FCC. "We are putting up a teaching situation that's assuming that of a commercial situation," Wilson said.

Deaton said legally Wilson is able to regulate the airwaves and has a legal right not to put Martinez back on the air.

But Deaton's opinion is that Martinez's offer for people to call in was enough. "That's providing equal time," he said.

handicapped, totally deaf person.

The alleged offenses are considered infractions and carry no fines. The appeal date is not available at this time.



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who use the material reportedly transfer the chemicals to the bottles which are used in the press. This is in compliance with the section school code, the appeal reported.

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Hamlet: Gibson takes on a more dramatic role

By STEVE KOZAK
Staff Writer

With all guts and little glory, Franco Zeffirelli offers a contemporary version of this classic Shakespearean play, spicing up the tragedy with commercial goodies like blue-eyed Mel Gibson, *Fatal Attraction*'s Glenn Close and *Room With A View*'s Helena Bonham-Carter. Unfortunately, pop star Gibson gives the title character little life, if any, and even though he gives a good attempt, he winds up being dwarfed between the superior talents of his supporting cast.

Close's Gertrude is magnificent, as is Bonham-Carter's lost Ophelia, however they seem to steal all of the scenes from the young prince. Although Hamlet is supposed to be intimidated by Claudius, Gibson looks more like a grandson next to the powerful Alan Bates instead of the nephew he's supposed to be. The "lethal weapon" looks like a young boy scout next to Bates, and at times you're just waiting for Claudius to tell Gibson that he'll take one box of sugar cookies and two boxes of thin mints.

Sure it's easy to knock Gibson's Hamlet, because let's face it, mediocre actors don't usually do this play. Sure if Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise had done this years ago, Gibson might have come out smelling a little better here. But next to mega-thespians like Lawrence Oliver and Nicol Williamson, he just comes off like Mad Max IV.

As far as editing, Zeffirelli employs successful techniques to try and squeeze this monstrous epic into an hour and a half film. At times, he combines several scenes together, or places some at different locations without losing the meaning or interpretation of the play.

Zeffirelli, however, does make a few major changes that affect the

accuracy of the play. For example, the film opens up with Hamlet, Claudius and the queen at the funeral of the king, a scene that does not exist anywhere in the play. In Shakespeare's play, we get the feeling that time has elapsed since the death of the king and the return of Hamlet to Denmark. This would mean that Hamlet was present during the courtship and marriage of Claudius and the Gertrude. In the play, as in the remainder of the film, Hamlet cannot comprehend their marriage, so if it took place in front of him it would have ruined the effect of Hamlet's ongoing disbelief.

Another slight alteration that has major significance to the film is the famous line "a little more than kin, and less than kind." In the play, Hamlets says this as an aside, while in the movie he directly confronts Claudius with his disapproval. This has a major consequence, because Hamlet's main struggle in the play is his deeply-kept inner feelings toward his uncle and his mother that he does not reveal to them until the climax of the play. Here in the opening scene, this line to Claudius releases Hamlet's frustrations, which is a major contradiction to one of the major themes in the play: Hamlet's repression.

This is pop-Shakespeare; a brilliant tragedy transformed into a star-studded Oscar-begging hour and a half of fun fare. I get the feeling that there's some Phil Collins song that's sitting on the cutting room floor somewhere that Zeffirelli wishes that he had left in the film. There's even side-splitting comic relief from Ian Holm as the pompous Polonius, who gives his character more charm than was perceived in the original play. If you want to see Mad Max Oedipus, go see this film. But for those of you who take this play somewhat seriously, rent the Nicol Williamson version. It's cheaper, too.



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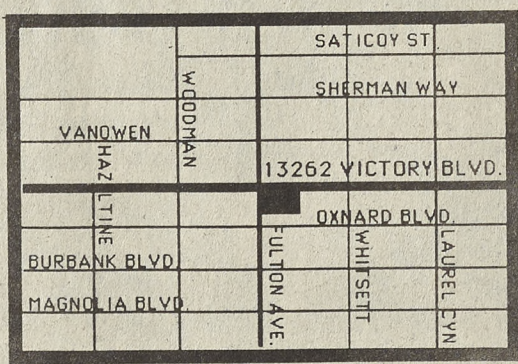
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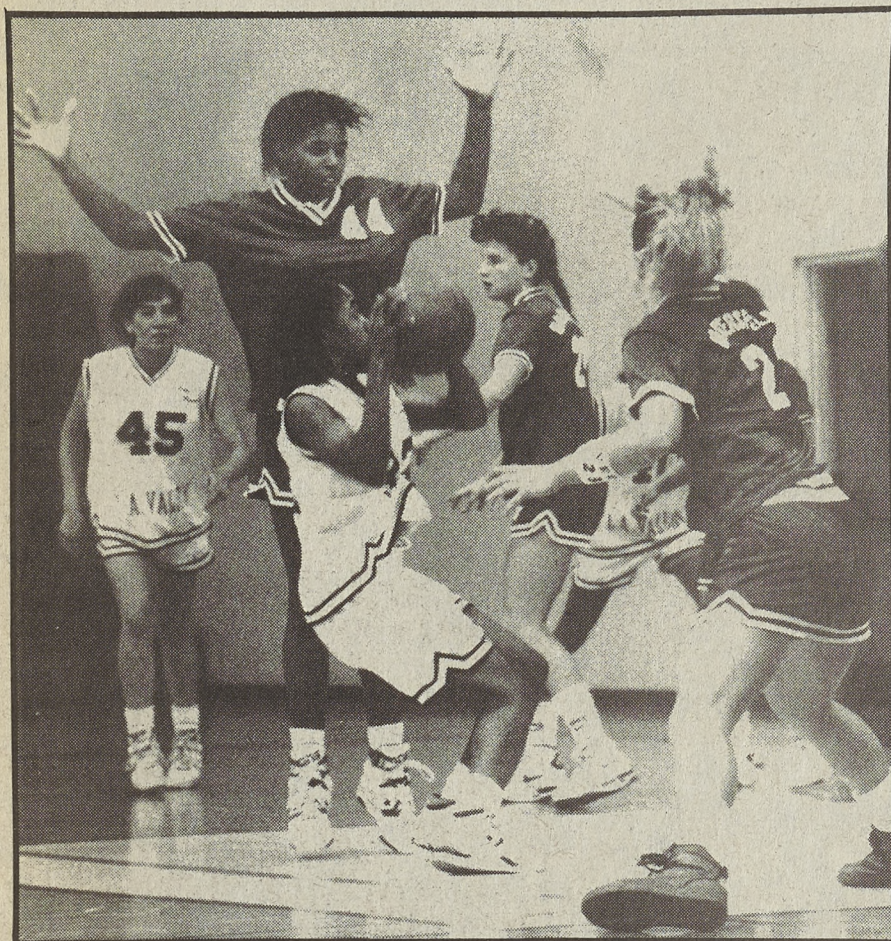
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HANDS UP — Tisa Rush (with ball) leads in WSC championship win.

Ladies take WSC title

By GLENDA DeYOUNG
Staff Writer

A delicate yellow rose was given to each Lady Monarch sophomore before last night's game against Bakersfield. This gift to departing players has been a team tradition.

Last night, however, the delicacy of the rose was soon replaced with a hard-pounding game between the top two Western State Conference (WSC) teams.

Valley scored the first two points on a two-point foul. Within the first two minutes of the game, Bakersfield scored next with one point of a two-point foul and followed with a rebound shot, taking the lead from Valley. That was all Valley would allow. From the third minute when Valley regained the lead, they never let it go again.

Both teams have earned a place at the Southern California regional finals, but with a score of 91-79 over Bakersfield, Valley has won the WSC championship. If they win Saturday's final WSC game against Santa Monica, they will hold the title alone. Should they lose Saturday's game, they could share the title with Bakersfield.

For Valley, Tisa Rush (32) scored 35 points for the high-score, Roz Linton (40) scored 15 and Falcia Stanley (4) scored 14.

The location of the Southern California regional finals will be decided this Sunday and begin with the top four teams from every Southern California Conference. The winners of the eight games on Saturday will compete on Sunday in four games. The four winning teams from Sunday's games will return here, at Valley, on Feb. 28 to compete in the California state finals.

Monarchs win, hold second place in WSC

By JIM RICHARDS
Staff Writer

Valley College narrowly held on to second place in the Western States Conference Southern Division with an 86-83 overtime victory over the Glendale Vaqueros Saturday night.

Sophomores Tory Stephens and Rick Garrick had 29 and 23 points respectively to lead all scorers. Valley snapped a two-game losing streak and improved its record to 17-12, 6-2.

The Monarchs overcame sloppy play in the opening minutes of the game and took a 13-point lead at the half, 47-34. Most of their first-half success was attributed to Garrick, who had 19 points, including four three-pointers, and to forward Russell Baldwin, who had 12 points and five rebounds.

Unfortunately, the Monarchs came out for the second half, half asleep. The Vaqueros went on a 19-5 run to tie the game at 53. Glendale went ahead 10 seconds later as guard Osiris Nalls stole the ball and slammed it home, to give the Vaqueros their first lead since the opening minutes of the game. They continued their tear to lead Valley 70-60 with 9:16 left.

The Monarchs were able to come back late in the half thanks to the play of Stephens, who had 23 second-half points and the leadership of Ben Boyd, who came off the bench for nine points and three steals. Boyd tied the game at 74 with an eight-foot jump shot with 4:40 left. Garrick hit a key shot in the lane with 24 seconds on the clock to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, Valley was aided by guard Nathan Hall who hit two key free throws and by Stephens who hit a three-pointer that electrified the crowd, with 51 seconds left, to put the game out of Glendale's reach at 85-81.

Considering the tight win, Coach Jim Stephens said: "Our next opponents (Bakersfield and Santa Monica) are certainly capable of beating us; We have to be ready to play."

Steal a win First season victory

By G.L. MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Valley College's baseball team returned home from the College of the Desert Tournament in Palm Springs with their first victory of the young season.

The Monarchs resume play at 2 p.m. Feb. 12 on the road against Pasadena City College to try to avenge a loss to PCC earlier in the season. Valley will then participate in the Stengel Tournament Feb. 14-18; times, sites and opponents are yet to be announced.

Valley took a 0-2-1 record into its tournament opener against Imperial Valley College and ran away with a 12-7 victory.

The "runnin'" Monarch offense came alive with 14 stolen bases in 16 attempts. Chad Ratliff and Kevin Claytor each swiped three bases while Joe Ishikawa added a steal of home to give Valley its first win.

Freshman third baseman Mike Murray banged out two hits with three runs batted in, while sophomore left-hander Steve Trainor picked up the victory.

Trainor (1-0), allowed only one run and two hits in four innings before being literally knocked out of the game by a line drive to the hip in the fifth.

In a previous game, an eight-run second inning catapulted Pasadena City College to an 11-1 victory over the Monarchs in their home opener.

PCC jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning off of starter Colin Bode (0-1). In the bottom of the first, Monarch sophomore infielder Chad Ratliff led off by reaching first and aggressively stealing second and third base, putting him in scoring position with one out. First baseman Joe Ishikawa followed with a single to drive in the Monarch's lone run of the afternoon.

A strong wind from the outfield was not enough to keep PCC from blowing the game wide open with an eight-run second inning. The first seven batters all scored and two sacrifice flies brought in the final run.

Pasadena added a run in the third but was shut out through the next four innings by freshman pitcher

Alan Carnero, a Burbank High product. Carnero received strong defensive support from infielders Mike Murray, Aaron Horstman and Chad Ratliff.

The game was called after eight innings due to darkness but Monarch head coach Chris Johnson was not discouraged by the loss. The game situations gave him the opportunity to look at several pitchers and to gauge their reactions against live competition.

Johnson attributed the lack of offense to the fact that hitters are simply not putting the ball in play. The Pasadena defense was never pressured, said Johnson, thus giving them a very easy game to play.

Johnson is confident the offense will improve with time and the team will be ready to make a strong run when Western State Conference games begin in late February.

"I would be really concerned if we had suffered serious defensive lapses," said Johnson. Defense was not a problem for Valley as the Monarch infield came through with clutch plays in tight situations against PCC.

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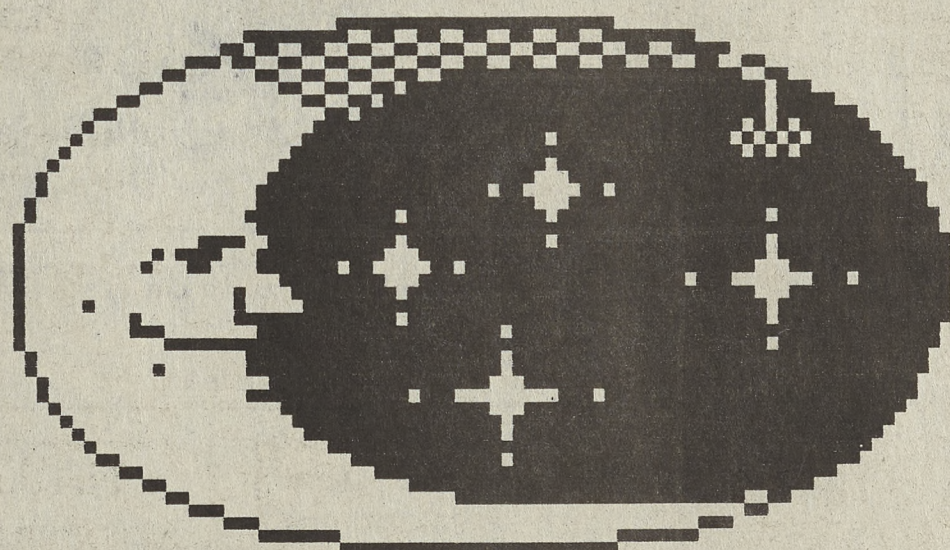
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